

Limited Edition Giclée Prints

Gabrielle Pool Mandela Prints

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The **following 6 prints** are from the unity series, a collaboration between Nelson Mandela and selected international artists.

Gabrielle Pool was one of 40 artists, personally invited by Mandela himself to participate in this series by creatively responding to his unity series which he created while still in prison.

Behind bars for almost 30 years for opposing the government's policy of segregation, Mandela went on to help bring an end to apartheid, becoming **South Africa's first black head of state.**

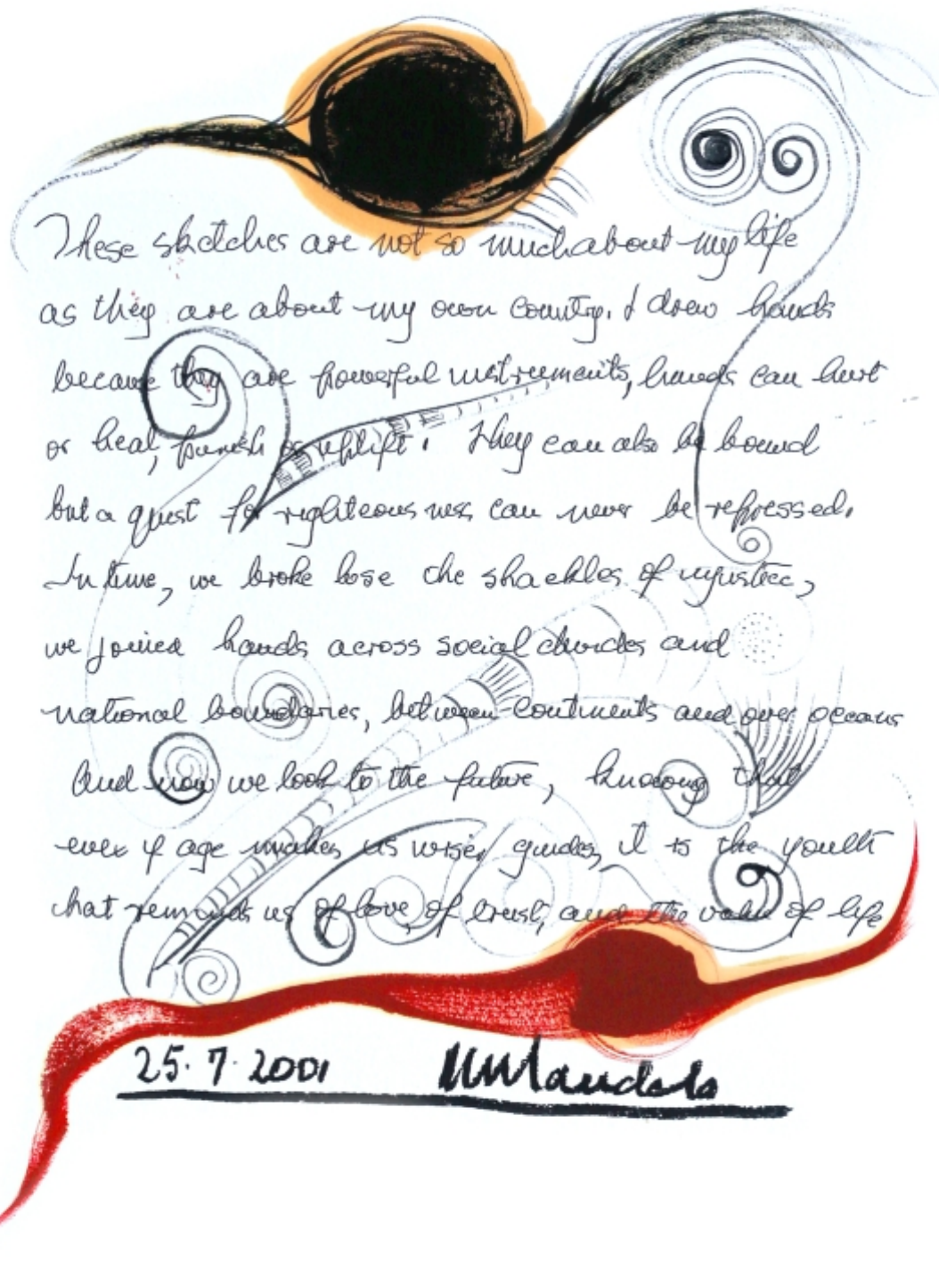
He **documented his life's journey** in a series of simple drawings called the **"Struggles" series**, which see each stage of Mandela's life elegantly reduced to a sequence of evocative hand gestures.

- A clenched fist, recalling his revolutionary activities;
- two fists in handcuffs, representing his long imprisonment;
- the shackles breaking, to show his release;
- one person's hand grasping another, for unity; and
- a child's hand in his, setting forth into a better future.

"These hands are not so much about my life as they are about my country," Mandela once said of the work. **"I chose hands because they can hurt or heal, punish or uplift ..."**

In time we broke loose the shackles of injustice and joined hands across social divides and over oceans knowing that even if age makes us wiser guides, its the love and trust of the youth that reminds us of love trust and the value of life"

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Gabrielle's interpretation of Mandela's drawings inspired her to seek counsel with elders of her Maori Heritage in NZ and create a collection of works that use traditional Mokos symbols as a way of interpreting.



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